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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of:

Fujio MORITA

Serial No. 09/841,038

Group Art Unit: <sup>2172</sup>~~2171~~

Confirmation No. 6609

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Examiner:

For: SEARCH SUPPORT DEVICE AND METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORING  
PROGRAM FOR COMPUTER TO CARRY OUT OPERATION WITH SAID SEARCH  
SUPPORT DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

A<sub>1</sub> -- This application is a continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of  
International Application PCT/JP99/05376, filed September 30, 1999, it being further noted that  
priority is based upon Japanese Patent Application 10-304395, filed October 26, 1998.--